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Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary
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Dear Ms. Searcy:

As Chairman of the New England Electronic Toll and Traffic Management (ETTM) Group, I would like to support the comments filed by the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) which opposed the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), PR Docket 93-61, regarding the allocation of limited radio frequency for ETTM and other Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems (IVHS) applications.

Seven New England toll and transportation agencies, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, have established the New England ETTM Group (Group). This unique, multi-agency and multi-state organization is the first of its kind to include toll, urban transit and ground airport facilities. The participating toll and transportation agencies include: Maine Turnpike Authority; Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority; Massachusetts Highway Department; Massachusetts Port Authority; Massachusetts Turnpike Authority; New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Bureau of Turnpikes; and Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority. The Group has

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The Group shares the IBTTA's concerns regarding the potential result of granting exclusive use to a particular type of IVHS application, an Automatic Vehicle Monitoring (AVM) system, when existing and future ETTM operations could be disrupted. The opportunities exist, with the implementation of ETTM systems, to simultaneously enhance traffic monitoring capabilities, expand incident management detection systems, identify areas of congestion and measure travel speeds. Further, in order to reap the public benefits of advanced transportation technologies which contribute to congestion relief, cleaner air and customer convenience, public transportation agencies and the toll industry must meet regional transportation and telecommunications needs in addition to implementing and operating reliable ETTM systems.

As the Group continues to explore emerging ETTM technologies and moves forward, in several instances, to implement advanced traffic management technologies to enhance the operation of its individual facilities, the Group requests your attention to the potential impact of this action.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact me at
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